

## EDITORIAL COMMENT.

The attendance in Kentucky Sunday Schools Sunday exceeded 1,000,000.

A canal under the mountain from Marseilles, France, to the river Rhone, has been formally opened.

In another scrap with bandits May 5, Americans killed 42 Mexicans and sustained no losses.

Kentucky's road laws were further fortified yesterday by the Court of Appeals, which upheld the \$300,000 bond issue voted in Pulaski county.

The steamship Venezia, that reached New York Sunday, reported that a sea raider chased her near Azores and fired upon her. She had 40 Americans aboard.

President Juan Jimenez, of Santo Domingo, has resigned to avoid armed intervention by the United States. Why not pursue the same tactics to stop the fighting in Mexico?

One of the soldiers killed in the last Mexican raid was a Kentucky boy, Hudson Rogers, of Danville, aged 17. His cousin, Winfield Mills, died at Columbus, N. M., ten days ago, also a soldier.

Former Governor Martin H. Glynn, of New York, for temporary chairman, and Speaker Champ Clark, for permanent chairman, have been selected for the Democratic convention at St. Louis next month.

Editorial comment from the press of the United States shows that, with the exception of the German-American press and a few other papers, the German reply to the American note is regarded as unsatisfactory in its concessions and sneering in its tone.

President Wilson has refused to withdraw the nomination of Louis D. Brandeis for Supreme Court Justice, and will press for early confirmation. Few men have ever been subjected to such opposition as Brandeis. The defeat of his confirmation will be a triumph for "the interests."

The storm of protest raised all over the world against the summary execution of Irish rebels, has called a halt after the slaughter of nine of the leaders. Many others given death sentences, including Countess Markievicz, have had their sentences commuted to imprisonment for terms ranging from three years to life. The number of civilians killed during the fighting was 160 so far as known and 32 soldiers were reported as killed.

Eight of the leaders of the Irish rebellion have been executed and the folly of Pearce's attempt to start trouble with a few hundred men is now apparent to all. About all that was accomplished was the destruction of \$10,000,000 of private property in Dublin. This of itself made the uprising unpopular at home. There are 150,000 Irish soldiers in the trenches and it is reported that when the Germans displayed a sign inviting them to desert their trenches during the Dublin revolt, that the Irish band of its own accord struck up "Rule Britannia" as its answer.

A break in the diplomatic relations between the United States and Germany was postponed, if not averted, by the German reply to the American note in regard to the U-boat warfare. It was authoritatively stated in Washington Saturday that if the official text of the note bore out the assurance that the orders to submarine commanders had been revised so as to end the warfare against unarmed merchant vessels it undoubtedly would be accepted in good faith by Washington Government. The belief expressed in Washington is that if the reply is accepted as sufficient, no answer will be necessary, but the future conduct of Germany's undersea warfare will determine whether further action by the United States is necessary.—Courier-Journal.

## BANDITS RAID TEXAS TOWN

Seventy Villa Outlaws Swept Down on Glenn Springs, 15 Miles Inland, Friday Night.

DEATH LIST MAY BE SEVEN

Three Troopers and a Boy Killed—One Soldier and Two Civilians Missing.

Alpine, Tex., May 8.—Villa bandits some seventy in number, forded the Rio Grande Friday night and sweeping fifteen miles inland on American soil, raided the little settlement of Glenn Springs and attacked a detachment of American cavalry, consisting of nine men of troop A, the Fourteenth cavalry.

Three troopers and a little 10-year-old boy were killed, two cavalymen were wounded and another is missing. He is believed to be a prisoner of the bandits, who are now fleeing southward in Coahuila, Mexico. Two American citizens, J. Deamer and a man named Compton, according to reports received here, were carried across the Rio Grande and reported to have it, that their throats were cut. A posse of fifty citizens of Marathon last night were in pursuit of the Villistas.

LIEUT. NORTON REPORTS RAID.

San Antonio, Tex., May 8.—Three soldiers, Cohen, Coloe, and Rogers and one civilian, the young son of a man named Compton, were killed in the bandit raid on Glenn Springs, according to official reports to Fort Sam Houston from Lieut. C. R. Norton, Fourteenth cavalry, at Alpine. Two soldiers and two civilians whose names were given as Compton and Govern have been missing since the fight.

HALT TO PARLEY.

El Paso, Tex., May 8.—News of another raid on American territory by Mexicans caused sudden renewed military activity along the border and resulted in the conference over the co-operation of American soldiers in Mexico, which had been expected to reach a culmination today, coming to a sudden halt.

Maj. Gen. Frederick Funston ordered four troops of cavalry to proceed to the raided section to reinforce small detachments already on their way to the scene from Presidio, Alpine and other points. It is said that if the case demands such action they will cross the border to run down and disperse the bandits.

Gen. Scott and Funston met Gen. Obregon and Juan Amador, Mexican sub-secretary of foreign affairs, in the immigration station at the American end of the international bridge shortly after 11 o'clock this morning for what had been expected to be their final conference. It developed later, however, that the only matter discussed was the bandit raid at Glenn Springs.

What was said at the meeting was not divulged. Immediately afterward Gen. Obregon and Secretary Amador hurried to Juarez where they entered Gen. Obregon's private car and began a conference which lasted three hours.

Gen. Gavira, commander of the Juarez garrison, Gen. Santos and Andraes Garcia, Mexican consul in El Paso, took part in this discussion.

Tonight Gen. Obregon was in telegraphic communication with Gen. Venustiano Carranza and it was understood he was acquainting the first chief with the new developments and suggesting action that would have to be taken.

The invasion of American territory by Mexicans at Alpine was about 125 miles east of El Paso and from territory Carranza claims to be in control of. Another "hot trail" having been found, all talk of withdrawal may as well be stopped.

## SLAYS ALLEGED HOME WRECKER

Eugene Wilson Shoots Lee Humphries At Cadiz Saturday.

ALEINATION SUIT IS FILED

Tragedy Follows When Men Meet On Main Street.

Cadiz, Ky., May 8.—Eugene Wilson shot and instantly killed Lee Humphries on Main street here at 4 o'clock Saturday p. m. The shooting was without prelude in the way of words, it is alleged, Wilson stepping up to Humphries and began firing. The tragedy occurred just outside McCarty's drug store. Following the first shot Humphries, who is said to have been unarmed, ran into the store. Wilson fired twice more after Humphries got inside. All the bullets went true and Humphries fell dead on the floor. He fell between William Dunn and Dug Crute, who narrowly escaped being shot. Wilson was arrested.

There had been trouble of long standing between the men. A few weeks ago Wilson filed suit for \$5,000 as damages against Humphries, charging the latter with having alienated his wife's affections.

Humphries was an influential farmer and unmarried.

Wilson was arrested before the third report of his pistol had died out. Deputy Sheriff Charley Humphries, a distant relative of the dead man, was next door to the drug store and he ran out and seized Wilson. The latter submitted quietly and was immediately taken to jail.

He has made no statement regarding the affair. The shooting, taking place in the heart of the business section, just across the street from the courthouse, created an intense excitement.

Public sentiment seems to lean to Humphries, than whom there was no more popular or highly respected citizen of the county. He is survived by his brother, George Humphries, and an unmarried sister, with whom he made his home.

LOUISVILLE RELATIVE

He was also an uncle of Adrian C. Humphries, prominent young attorney of Louisville. It is said that for the past three or four months Mrs. Wilson and her three or four children have been making their home with her mother, a widow, who lives near this place. Neither Wilson nor Humphries had ever been involved in any serious trouble before. Humphries was a member of the Woodmen of the World Lodge, and the funeral services, which took place at the Humphries family burying ground Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, were conducted by the Cadiz Lodge of that order.

## MOVEMENT FOR MUSIC

In Public Schools to be Discussed By Miss Bourgard.

An effort is being made by the musical interests of Hopkinsville, to have the systematic study of music made a part of the work in all grades of the public schools and to this end they have invited Miss Caroline Bourgard, Supervisor of Music in the Louisville Public Schools, to visit Hopkinsville and tell of the methods adopted by the progressive cities of the country.

Miss Bourgard will come to Hopkinsville on Wednesday and will on Thursday morning go before the second and third grades of the schools and give demonstrations in ear training and sight reading. Thursday night she will talk at the First Christian church, explaining the methods adopted in Louisville and by many other up-to-date cities. She will tell just how music is taught to little tots and give the steps of advancement as children go from grade to grade. Miss Bourgard is thoroughly familiar with her work and the talk she will make Thursday night will be of much interest to the patrons of the schools.

Where music has been a study in other cities it has been invaluable to many noted singers who without hesitation say they attribute their success to the beginning made in the lower grades of the public schools.

The talk by Miss Bourgard at the Christian church is for the purpose of informing school patrons of the good results to be attained and to interest all citizens who have the schools at heart in the movement to have the Board of Trustees consider the employment of a Supervisor of Music.

In addition to the talk to be made by Miss Bourgard a program will be rendered by the High School Orchestra and an opportunity will be had to hear this organization in one of the best efforts made this season.

## SMITH OPENED COURT.

Circuit Court opened in Eddyville Monday under disadvantages. No judge was present, but Commonwealth's Attorney Smith opened court and empaneled the grand and petit juries and in the afternoon called a meeting of the bar and elected Hon. E. H. James to preside that day. Judge W. M. Reed of Paducah arrived Tuesday.

## Learning to Walk.

Bernard Fels, of St. Louis, who suffered a broken neck in a fall three months ago, is learning to walk again. He is permitted to take one or two steps each day now, but if his condition continues to improve, as there is every indication it will, he will be allowed to make longer walks on crutches.

## THOSE THAT HAVE-GET BY A.T. WESTON



## THOUSANDS RESPOND

To The Invitation For a Big Sunday School Attendance.

NEARLY 3,000 IN HOPTOWN

Pembroke Spreads Herself And Gets More Than 1,000.

Sunday, proclaimed "Sunday School rally day," was a great success in Hopkinsville and Christian county.

The attendance in the city was close to 3,000 and in Pembroke it exceeded 1,000. Fifteen county churches reported added about 900 more. The greatest success was at the Christian church in this city, where the total was 1,009. The contest in Judge C. H. Bush's Bible class between the Blues and Reds brought in 588 to that class alone. The contest closed with the Blues victorious by 600 points.

Two or three colored churches in Hopkinsville did not report. These will run the city total to more than 3,000.

Hopkinsville, White.	
Christian	1,009
Methodist	641
First Baptist	586
Cumberland Presbyterian	160
Westminster Presbyterian	152
Second Baptist	137
Cleveland Avenue Christian	63
Grace Episcopal	58
First Presbyterian	43
Universalist	24
Salvation Army	
Total	2,873
Hopkinsville, Colored.	
Virginia Street Baptist	240
Methodist	150
Fortson Avenue Baptist	37
(Others not reported)	
Total	427
Pembroke, White.	
Baptist	242
Methodist	172
Christian	140
Pembroke, Colored.	
Baptist	402
Methodist	62
Pembroke Total	1,018
Other Churches.	
Lafayette, Methodist	122
Fairview, Methodist	83
Fairview, Presbyterian	31
Grace, Methodist	38
Grace, Baptist	33
Rich, Christian	45
West's Grove, Baptist	47
Frances Harned Memorial, Meth.	105
Longview, Methodist	58
Highway, Baptist	70
Shiloh, Methodist	24
Chapel Hill, Methodist	61
Wood's Chapel, Methodist	53
Hebron, Methodist	60
Lafayette, Methodist, Colored	36
Total reported	4,767

## GAS POISON

Caused the Death of Mrs. Carrie Reicke Cooper In Chicago.

Details of the death of Mrs. James E. Cooper in Chicago, have been received. Dispatches report her death as a case of suicide by gas asphyxiation, in her apartments, occupied with her sister, Mrs. Clara Culley and another sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Clarke. A nervous breakdown was believed to have been the cause. Mrs. Cooper was 42 years old and had been living in Chicago for three months. Her body was brought to Paducah for interment. She was member of the Methodist church.

L. M. Cayce, accompanied by Messrs. W. A. Radford and George DeTreville, left yesterday in Mr. Cayce's car for Louisville, Lexington and other Kentucky cities for a ten days' tour.

## NEW OFFENSIVE BEFORE VERDUN

Germans Launch Great Attack and French Admit Gains in Two Places.

RUSSIAN TRANSPORT LOST

Claims by Germans of Sinking British Submarine is Denied by London.

Paris, May 8.—In fierce attacks on both banks of the Meuse today, the German forces gained ground from the French. They entered the French communicating trenches east of Hill 304 and gained a footing in the first French line between Haudomont wood and Fort Dourmont, over an extent of nearly a third of a mile.

London, May 8.—What seemingly is a new great offensive with its objective the capture of Verdun, has been launched by the Germans northeast and northwest of the fortress. In both sectors gains for the Germans are chronicled in the latest French official communication.

Except near Hill 304, however, the entire attack, which was thrown against the sector between Hill 304 and Le Mort Homme, was repulsed with serious losses to the Germans. A similar fate befell the attacking forces in the northeast, except in the region of the Haudomont wood. Both attacks were delivered after heavy preparatory bombardments.

Aside from these attacks only bombardments have been in progress on the line in France and Belgium. The artillery action has been extremely heavy in the Woevre and at the foot of the Meuse hills, in the region east of Verdun.

Russian torpedo boats have ineffectually shelled German positions on the northeast coast of Courland, according to Berlin. In Galicia, along the lower Stripa river, the Russians have made a further advance against the Teutons, while in the Caucasus region Turkish attacks in the Black sea littoral were repulsed. The Turks, who had been contesting the advance of the Russians toward Bagdad in the Serinkerkend region, have retreated hastily after having sustained heavy losses, leaving behind them their tents and war material.

Small infantry encounters at various points along the Austro-Italian front, in which what advantage there was rested with the Italians, have served to vary the usual fighting with the big guns.

The sinking of an allied transport in the Mediterranean late in April with the loss of nearly all 600 Russian troops who were on board is reported in advices from Corfu, says the Overseas News agency.

The transport was sunk by striking a mine about the time the battleship Russell met a similar fate, the advices state.

The news agency says only a few were rescued. The bodies recovered were buried by the British at Malta. The British official communication admits the loss of two naval aeroplanes, but denies the German claim of the sinking of submarine E-31, which is declared to have returned safely to its base.

## VALVULAR HEART DISEASE

Causes Death of Octogenarian in The City Saturday Afternoon.

Mrs. Martha Williams died at her home in the city Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock, of valvular heart disease. She was 82 years old and was held in the highest esteem by every one who knew her. She was a widow and is survived by several children. Her funeral services were held Sunday and the interment took place at Riverside Cemetery.